APPENDIX

Presently Pending Claims

1. A method for tracking a shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:

    a) sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant utilizing a network;

    b) tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;

    c) storing results of the tracking in a database; and

    d) allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the results are accessible utilizing a network-based interface.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the supply chain participant comprises a restaurant.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the supply chain participant is allowed access only after an identity thereof is verified.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the goods have the bar code adhered thereto.

7. A system for tracking a shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:

    a) logic for sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant utilizing a network;

    b) logic for tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;

    c) logic for storing results of the tracking in a database; and

    d) logic for allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

9. The system of claim 7, wherein the results are accessible utilizing a network-based interface.

10. The system of claim 7, wherein the supply chain participant comprises a restaurant.

11. The system of claim 7, wherein the supply chain participant is allowed access only after an identity thereof is verified.

12. The system of claim 7, wherein the goods have the bar code adhered thereto.

13. A computer program product for tracking a shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:

    a) computer code for sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant utilizing a network;

    b) computer code for tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;

    c) computer code for storing results of the tracking in a database; and

    d) computer code for allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.

14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the Internet.

15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the results are accessible utilizing a network-based interface.

16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the supply chain participant comprises a restaurant.

17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the supply chain participant is allowed access only after an identity thereof is verified.

18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the goods have the bar code adhered thereto.